

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DATE: December 18, 2007

Contact: Anne Cotham
(317) 896-5570

Westfield, Indiana - Westfield City Council Elect, Ken Kingshill, Tom Smith & Melody Sweat, attended a regional training for newly elected officials in Lebanon, Indiana on December 5, 2007, offered by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT).

Five regional trainings were held across the state offering a one-day workshop to prepare municipal officials for the first weeks in office, including what to expect at that first council meeting.

“The regional training was very informative,” Councilman-Elect Tom Smith stated. “Each presenter was able to inject the humor and humanity into the training that is frequently lacking in such instruction. My limited experience so far in city government shows me that these concepts will be vital during my term as council member”.

Melody Sweat added, “I believe the references to the particular State Codes will be essential information that will assist me in my new roles as City Councilor for Westfield”.

Ken Kingshill stated, “It is always helpful to hear from officials from other communities that may have confronted issues that we may be facing in the future”.

IACT is a coalition of municipal officials who seek to improve the quality of life in Indiana through effective government. Founded in 1891, IACT is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country and is a member of the National League of Cities. With 456 city and town members, IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana and promotes good government through education, training and leadership. For more information, visit the IACT website at www.citiesandtowns.org.